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MEMORANDUM FOR: Donald P. Gregg
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ATTENTION: Norbert A. Shepanek

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SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) Request (U)

REFERENCES: A. House Select Committee on Assassinations' Letter dated 19 January 1978
B. SA/DO/O Letter dated 31 January 1978

1. (S) An intensive search of the files and indices of this Directorate has surfaced CIA information concerning James Earl Ray covering the period 1967 through 1968, which was forwarded to you on 4 January 1978 in response to OLC 77-4958 dated 11 November 1977; however, this search revealed no indication of any information concerning Ray for the year 1966.

2. (U) James Earl Ray was the Subject of OGC requests 76-5403 dated 14 October 1976 and 76-6616 dated 23 November 1976, OLC request 77-4958 dated 11 November 1977, and FOIA request 76-382 dated 27 July 1976.

3. (S) Attached are copies of DCD information pertaining to F. Lee Crisman which refers to activities during 1966-1968 and a desk card from CI Staff relating to Larry Crafard. This card refers to an article in the 21 August 1966 edition of Rude Pravo (the official Czechoslovak Communist Party newspaper) entitled "Johnson and Kennedy's Murder/Death of 13 Witnesses Who Knew Too Much," in which Crafard's name appears. The attached copies are the best reproductions available.

4. (S) In addition, this search revealed no indication of any information pertaining to the other individuals listed in your request for the period 1966 through 1968.

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5. (S) One Charles Siragusa, born 28 October 1913 in New York City, New York, was assigned to the OSS from 17 March 1944 to December 1945. One Charles Siragusa, probably the same person, was an agent of the U.S. Narcotics Bureau attached to the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy, during the early 1940's. In his capacity as narcotics agent, he cooperated with this Agency in the exchange of information.

6. (U) There is no indication that any of the other individuals listed in reference A were ever employees, agents or informants of this Agency.

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